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SUBJECT: ISRAELIS NOT UPBEAT ON PROSPECTS FOR BILATERAL
TRADE WITH EGYPT

Classified By: ECPO Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) KEY POINTS -- Both Israel and Egypt are working to expand QIZ exports to the U.S. -- The Israelis appear unsure of the GOE commitment to
- 2.(C) On December 15, Econcouns and Econoff met with Israeli DCM Israel Nitzan and incoming Economic-Commercial Counselor Rania Gibran to discu
- 3.(C) Gibran said that the GOI was interested in working with both the GOE and the USG on conducting surveys to understand the potential for di
- 4.(C) Nitzan was not optimistic about the prospect of expanding Egyptian-Israeli commercial ties in the current political climate and told us t
- 5.(C) Nitzan said that the deterioration in the non-governmental side of the bilateral relationship was typified by the recent press attacks on
- 6.(C) Nitzan complained that the GOE is actively preventing visits to Egypt by Israelis by delaying and denying visas. He said that this applie
- 7.(C) COMMENT: Despite bilateral tensions, the GOI is looking to capitalize on the expansion of QIZ exports from Egypt as way to expand bilater